FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to State of Forest Report 1993 of Forest Survey of India, the total forest/tree cover of the country has increased by 925 Sq. Km, over last assessment report of 1991.

(c) Comparative study of State of Forest Reports of Forest Survey of India shows that forest cover of Andhra Pradesh in 1991 assessment report was same, as in 1989 report i.e. 47,911 Sq. Km. but assessment made in 1993 shows a decline of forest cover of the state by 33 Sq. Km. over 1991 astestment.

Cleaning of Ponds in Bhopal

4584. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had announced in the month of February, 1994, a scheme to clean the ponds in Bhopal;

(b) if so, whether this scheme is being implemented with the help and assistance of Japanese Government;

(c) what are the main features of the proposed scheme;

(d) by when the scheme is likley to be implemented ;

(e) whether other ponds in the State of Madhya Pradesh are also being considering for cleaning ;

(f) if so, whether any scheme is being provided for these ponds; and

(g) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Project on "Conservation and Management of Upper and Lower Lakes of Bhopal", has been posed to the Government of Japan for provision of financial assistance. The total cost of the proposed project is Rs. 118 crores to be utilised over a five year period. The project includes activities like desilting and dreding, catchment area treatment, prevention of pollution, management of shoreline for fringe areas and improvement and management of water quality. The project proposal is presently being appraised by the Japanese authorities.

(e) to (g) In order to check water pollution, particularly in urban areas, a National Lake Conservation Plan (NLCP) has been prepared by the Government of India to undertake activities like catchment area treatment, desilting and weed control, prevention of pollution from point and non-point sources, R&D studies etc. Bhoj and Sagar lakes from Madhya Pradesh are included in the Plan.

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh also have a scheme entitled, "Sarovar Hamari Darohar", for improving the conservation and management of water-bodies. Under this scheme, the State Government have undertaken the cleaning of the Radha-sagar tank and the Niwari tank in Takam-garh District. The State Government have also identified the Yashwant Sagar (Indore), Morevan, Mandaur and Tiger Reservoir (Gwalior) and Govindgarh Sagar (Rewa) for improved conservation and management.

Publications brought out by the Zoological Survey of India

4585. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the latest publications brought out by the Zoological Survey of India ;

(b) what are their prices ; and

(c) whether these publications are available in the Parliament Library ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) There are twelve publications brought out recently by Zoological Survey of India (ZSI). The details of their titles and prices are given in the statement *(see* below).

(c) The publications referred to in answer to part (a) of the question have been sent to Parliament Library by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) on 13-4-1994.

Statement

Publications broughtout by Zoological Survey of India

Sl. No.	Publications	Price
1.	Records of the Zoological Survey of India Vol. 91 (3&4)	Rs. 130.00
2.	Wetland Faunal Resources of West Bengal, Part 1 : North & South 24 Parganas Districts.	Rs. 55.00
3.	Catalogue of the protozoans occurring in Reptiles from India	Rs. 35.00
4.	Ecological Studies of Jhum Fallows (Meghalaya with particular reference to soil fauna)	Rs. 130.00
5.	Contribution to the Knolwledge of Indian Marine Molluscs, Part 3, Family Muricidae.	Rs. 150.00
6.	Littoral Melofauna of Little Andaman	Rs. 85.00
7.	Fauna of India : Aphidoidea, part 6 : Greenideinae	Rs. 480.00
8.	Bibliography of Indian Zoology Vol. 27	Rs. 135.00
9.	State Fauna Series : Fauna of Orissa, Part 4	Rs. 220.00
10.	State Fauna Series: Fauna of West Bengal, Part 4	Rs. 500.00
11.	State Fauna Series: Fauna of West Bengal, Part 12	Rs. 500.00
12.	State Fauna Series : Fauna of Andhra Pradesh Part I	Rs. 350.00

Number of Living Species

4586. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of living species existing in India according to the Zoologi cal Survey of India

(lb) the number of rare species and the number of endangered species; and

(c) what are the names of some of the endangered species ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) According to the estimate of :he Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), there are 81,251 living species of animals in the country.

(b) The number of species of wild ani mals included in Schedule I of the Wild-life (Protection)Act, 1972 are as fol lows :—

Mammals — 75 species

Birds — 55 species

Reptiles— 19 Species

Insects— 128 species

Crab— 1 species

While the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 does not define "rare species" or "endangered species", the species included in Schedule I of the Act are rare and dangered.

(c) The names of some of the endangered species are as follows :—

Mammals: Lion, Caracal, Desert Cat, Marbled Cat, Golden Cat, Snow Leopard, Hispid Hare, Pygmy Hog, Brow-antlered Deer, Musi Deer, Yak, Markhor, Lion-tailed Monkey, Wild Ass, etc.